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SUBJ: VISIT OF YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTER MILOS MINIC

1. THE FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY SRI LANKA'S MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOLLOWING MEETING BETWEEN YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTER MILOS MINIC AND SRI LANKAN FOREIGN MINISTER A.C.S. HAMEED.

2. QUOTE: THE AREAS COVERED IN THE TALKS WERE THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND ITS IMMEDIATE ISSUES, THE HAVANA MEETING, THE BELGRADE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE, AND UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT, DEVELOPMENTS IN THE HORN OF AFRICA, THE CONFLICT BETWEEN VIETNAM AND KAMPUCHEA, THE SITUATION IN WEST ASIA, THE WESTERN SAHARA, THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, BILATERAL MATTERS, SRI LANKA'S ECONOMIC POLICY INCLUDING THE MAHAWELI PROJECT AND FREE TRADE ZONE, AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

3. IN THE TALKS, THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS SHARED THEIR CONCERN ABOUT THE GROWING INCIDENCE OF BILATERAL DISPUTES
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AMONGST THE NON-ALIGNED MEMBERSHIP. THEY NOTED WITH REGRET THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE LAST COLOMBO SUMMIT, MEMBERS OF THE MOVEMENT HAD RESORTED TO ARMED CLASHES.

4. THIS TREND SHOULD BE ARRESTED WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY AND
NN THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THERE SHOULD BE SOME WAY

TO SORT OUT SERIOUS DIFFERENCES OF OPINION AMONG OR BETWEEN THE MEMBERS OF THE MOVEMENT AND UNLESS SOME SUITABLE FORMULA OR APPROACH WAS DESIGNED IT WAS FEARED THAT NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES WOULD AUTOMATICALLY GET DRAWN INTO BIG POWER RIVALRY. IT WAS NOTED THAT THIS FEAR WAS BEING EXPRESSED AMONG NON-ALIGNED QUARTERS.

5. BOTH FOREIGN MINISTERS AGREED THAT STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO ENSURE FULL PARTICIPATION TO MAKE THE HAVANA MEETING A SUCCESS AND THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU SHOULD BE ALERTED TO PARTICIPATE AT THE MEETING THOUGH THE NOTICE HAS BEEN VERY SHORT.

6. THE YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTER GAVE A FULL BRIEFING ON THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE BELGRADE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE, AND THERE WAS ALSO DISCUSSION ABOUT THE AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE, ITS SCOPE AND COVERAGE.

7. WITH REGARD TO THE UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT, THE YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTER WELCOMED THE PROPOSAL OF THE SRI LANKA FOREIGN MINISTER TO HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING FOREIGN MINISTERS DURING THE UN DEBATE, SO THAT THE NON-ALIGNED OF THE NON-ALIGNED COMMUNITY COULD CHALK OUT A COMMON STAND TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS IN THE INTERESTS OF THE THIRD WORLD.

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8. THE TWO MINISTERS WERE OF THE OPINION THAT THE CONFLICT IN THE HORN OF AFRICA AND THE CLASH BETWEEN VIETNAM AND KAMPUCHEA COULD ONLY FIND A SOLUTION THROUGH DISCUSSION AND PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS. THE YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTER BRIEFED THE SRI LANKA FOREIGN MINISTER ON HIS VISITS TO ETHIOPIA, SOMALIA AND ALSO TO VIETNAM, KAMPUCHEA AND INDIA, AND ALSO ABOUT THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS HE HAD WITH VARIOUS POLITICAL LEADERS.

9. THE YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTER EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION OF SRI LANKA S CONSTRUCTIVE AND POSITIVE ROLE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND HOPED THAT SRI LANKA WOULD CONTINUE TO PLAY THE SAME EFFECTIVE ROLE IN THE FUTURE. HE ALSO CONGRATULATED THE SRI LANKA FOREIGN MINISTER ON THE MANNER IN WHICH HE STEERED THE LAST TWO NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETINGS, HELD IN NEW YORK, ON THE EVE OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1977.

10. THE SRI LANKA FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT YUGOSLAVIA WAS ONE OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND THAT SRI LANKA APPRECIATED THE COMMITMENT AND CONTRIBUTION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE GROWTH OF THE MOVEMENT.

11. HE FURTHER THANKED YUGOSLAVIA AND THE YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTER FOR ALL THE VALUABLE ASSISTANCE THAT HAD BEEN GIVEN TO MAKE SRI LANKA'S ROLE AS CHAIRMAN USEFUL AND FRUITFUL. THE SRI LANKA FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT NON-ALIGNED TIE WAS POLITICAL AND NEEDED TO BE UNDERPINNED BY ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND IN THIS RESPECT SRI LANKA WAS EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF SETTING UP A REGIONAL ECONOMIC GROUPING IN OUR PART OF THE WORLD.

12. THE SRI LANKA DELEGATION BRIEFED THE YUGOSLAV DELEGATION FULLY ABOUT THE MAHAWELI DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND THE GREATER COLOMBO ECONOMIC COMMISSION, AND THE YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT YUGOSLAVIA WOULD BE HAPPY TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE UNCLASSIFIED

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FIELDS AND THAT HE WOULD BRIEF THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN HIS COUNTRY ABOUT THESE VENTURES.

13. THE YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTER RENEWED HIS GOVERNMENT'S INVITATION TO THE SRI LANKA FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT YUGOSLAVIA. THE SRI LANKA FOREIGN MINISTER THANKED THE YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTER FOR THE INVITATION. UNQUOTE. WRIGGINS

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